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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
8 AT SEATTLE

9 MICHAEL SHANE CATES,

10 Petitioner,

11 v.

12 JEFFREY UTTECH,

Respondent.

Case No. C18-157 RAJ-BAT

**ORDER GRANTING  
APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN  
FORMA PAUPERIS**

13 Petitioner's application to proceed in forma pauperis, Dkt. 9, is **GRANTED**. The Clerk  
14 of Court is directed to file petitioner's petition for writ of habeas corpus without the prepayment  
15 of fees. The Clerk is further directed to provide a copy of this Order to petitioner.

16 DATED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

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18 BRIAN A. TSUCHIDA  
19 United States Magistrate Judge  
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